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### PART-IIB

### THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA

### SHILLONG

### NOTIFICATIONS

The 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021.

**No.HCM.II/99/2019-Estt/3630.** - Subject to admissibility of leave to be certified by the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong, Smti. Vanessa N. Sangma, Judicial Magistrate First Class, East Garo Hills District, Williamnagar is granted earned leave on private affairs for a period of 19 (nineteen) days with effect from 14<sup>th</sup> February to 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, prefixing 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 and suffixing 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 being Saturday and Sunday as admissible under the Rules.

The Officer would have continued to hold the post but for her proceeding on leave and there is every likelihood of her returning to the same or a similar post on expiry of the leave.

By Order,

REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL SERVICE)

The 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**No.HCM.II/214/2017/Estt/80.** - In exercise of powers conferred under Rule 7 (C) 15 of the Rules of High Court of Meghalaya, 2013, and in terms of the resolution of the Full Court dated 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2022, the High Court of Meghalaya is pleased to amend the Guidelines for recording of evidence of vulnerable witnesses in criminal matters, as under:-

The definition of Vulnerable Witness under Clause 3(a) is hereby substituted and amended as follows:-

- 3 (a) **Vulnerable Witness** - means and shall include the following:-
- (i) A child who has not completed 18 years of age;
  - (ii) Age neutral victims of sexual assault *read* with Sections 273 and 327 of the Code of Criminal Procedure 1973 and Section 354 of the Indian Penal Code 1860;
  - (iii) Gender neutral victims of sexual assault *read* with Section 2(d) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012;
  - (iv) Age and gender neutral victims of sexual assault under Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code 1860 read with paragraph 34(1) of the decision in **Sakshi** (supra);
  - (v) Witnesses suffering from "mental illness" as defined under Section 2(s) of the Mental Healthcare Act 2017 read with section 118 of the Indian Evidence Act 1872;
  - (vi) Any witness deemed to have a threat perception under the Witness Protection Scheme 2018 of the Union Government as approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Mahender Chawla v Union of India**;
  - (vii) Any speech or hearing impaired individual or a person suffering from any other disability who is considered to be a vulnerable witness by the competent court; and
  - (viii) Any other witness deemed to be vulnerable by the concerned court.

By Order,

REGISTRAR GENERAL

The 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**No.HCM.II/164/2013-Estt/713.** - Smti. Lawaka Kynjing, Librarian-*cum*-Research Officer, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong is hereby granted earned leave on private affairs for 9 (nine) days with effect from 5<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 suffixing 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 & 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 being holidays and 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 & 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 being Saturday and Sunday with permission to leave station as admissible under the Rules.

On expiry of leave, there is every likelihood of Smti. Lawaka Kynjing returning to the post/duty from which she has proceeded on leave.

By Order,

REGISTRAR GENERAL

The 14<sup>th</sup> March, 2022.

**No.HCM.II/349/2013-Estt/763.** - Subject to admissibility of leave to be certified by the Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, Shillong, Smti. A. M. Pariat, Chief Judicial Magistrate, West Khasi Hills District, Nongstoin is granted earned leave on private affairs for a period of 5 (five) days with effect from 28<sup>th</sup> March to 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022, prefixing 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 and suffixing 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2022 being Saturday and Sunday as admissible under the Rules.

The Officer would have continued to hold the post but for her proceeding on leave and there is every likelihood of her returning to the same or a similar post on expiry of the leave.

By Order,

REGISTRAR (JUDICIAL SERVICE)